

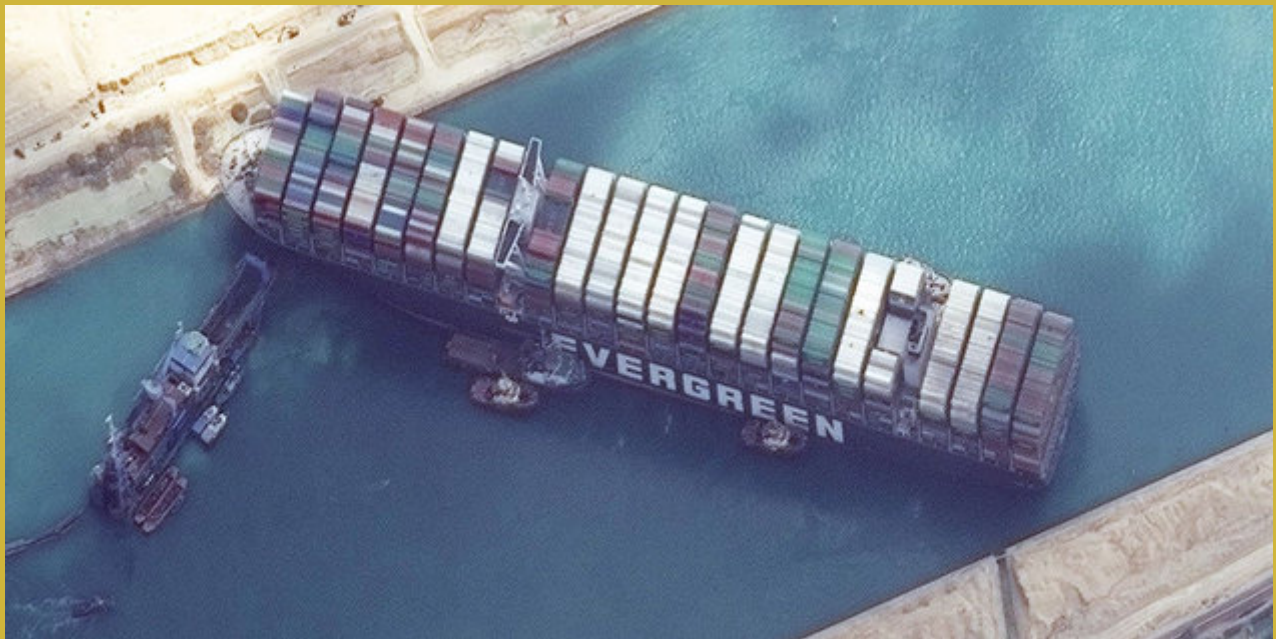
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What happens when a large ship—*almost exactly a quarter of a mile in length*—gets lodged in a busy canal vital to shipping between Asia and Europe? We got to find out over the past 10 or so days, as the *Ever Given* container ship (operated by the Evergreen Marine transportation company) became lodged in a sandy bank within the Suez Canal, a sandstorm having contributed to blowing the ship off course. The result was of global concern, as the canal is an extremely useful shortcut for the shipping industry in the eastern hemisphere. Before the canal's construction and subsequent opening in 1869,

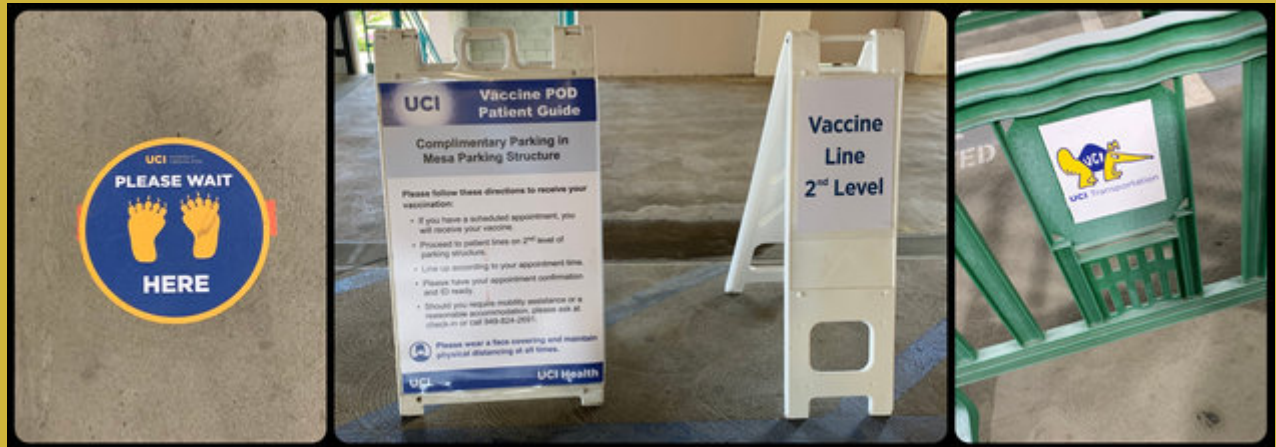
shipping between the Indian Ocean and the northern Atlantic/Mediterranean Sea required circumnavigation around the southern tip of Africa—a *much longer voyage that could be subject to storms and piracy among the unregulated waters*. This lengthy trip can be seen quite easily on one of the offerings in this month's upload—a plaque celebrating Auguste Terrier and the Committee of French Africa...



As for the *Ever Given*, it was eventually dislodged a few days ago and freed to continue on its journey, allowing the incredibly massive backlog of ships to begin alleviating the floating logjam of freight that was potentially threatening the global economy. Priority has been given to those carrying livestock as, quite obviously, they are more time sensitive regarding reaching their destination in a somewhat timely fashion.



In other news, the vaccine rollout across the United States continues to increase, and I have been fortunate enough to have had my first round of two shots nearly two weeks ago. The process at the campus of U.C. Irvine went very smoothly, with everything made very clear for the community...



In the end, I got my card and a ticket punched to **hopefully** being one step closer to some normalcy...

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received. Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.			 
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Speaking of vaccinating, that brings up another plaque in this month's upload, this timely cast iron issue from Hungary in 1916. While it has been variously described as a vaccination scene and a bandaging scene, what is clear is that it reinforces the important role of health care in society along with the power of community...



Meanwhile, yet another medal touches upon the topic of disease and pandemics—this time in the form of cholera in late-19th century Spain. Cholera had the ability to spread rather rampantly in areas where proper hygiene wasn't well practiced and, when combined with a lack of knowledge within bacteriology itself, the situation would often get out of control. This medal was issued to honor what were essentially frontline workers—those who were caring for the sick and otherwise performing good deeds while the times were at their most difficult...



You may have heard of Gabriel García Márquez's classic *Love in the Time of Cholera*; given all that has transpired over the past year, it is likely that we are all becoming proficient at "collecting in the time of COVID."



Moving to the rest of **this month's 24 items**, there is a great mix of World War I-themed medals, Art Deco and Art Nouveau plaques and medals, award medals from shows, and a few portrait medals from the massive French biographical series—one of which features George Washington and the rare German misspelling of his surname...



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